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Dear Allen:

Thank you for sending me the "Post" article. I quite agree that we should take satisfaction in the success of our past policy and that our public posture should not indicate "panic" about meeting the new situation which our past success now faces us with.

My memo to Douglas was stimulated by the opinion I had heard expressed in government circles that no long range policy modification should be undertaken by this administration because it has only one year to run and that patchwork plasters should be sought instead. A new administration whether Republican or Democratic will have a job getting itself underway, and further delays can be expected before it can grapple with fundamental issues. My basic point was that I doubt we can afford a two year delay on this one.

Urgency within the administration does not imply conveying a sense of panic in public statements.

As ever,

Paul

Paul H. Nitze

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The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
 Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington 25, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

For your information, I am attaching
Mr. Nitze's previous letter and enclosure
and a copy of your 8 December reply.

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